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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 7418

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP

REF: STATE 174040

1. TO SHIFT AMB YOUNG'S VISIT TO AUG 15-17 WOULD PLACE IT AT PRECISELY SAME TIME AS CODEL HOLLINGS. LATTER IS, AS DEPT KNOWS, LARGE GROUP OF SEVEN SENATORS, FOUR STAFFERS AND WIFES. POST FACILITIES (CARS ETC) ARE TOO LIMITED TO HANDLE BOTH AT SAME TIME; HOTEL RESERVATIONS WOULD BE DOUBTFUL; BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY WE CANNOT SCHEDULE SATISFACTORILY FOR EITHER GROUP IF BOTH ARE HERE AT SAME TIME-- WE CANNOT OBTAIN DUPLICATE MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND KEY MINISTERS AND COMBINED MEETINGS WILL NOT BE SATISFACTORY OR CANDID IN TERMS OF AMB YOUNG'S OBJECTIVES. EARLIER SCHEDULING, I.E. OVER WEEKEND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SATISFACTORY SINCE PRESIDENT AND MANY MINISTERS ARE USUALLY OUT OF TOWN ON WEEKENDS.

2. I BELIEVE THAT AMB YOUNG'S VISIT HERE IS IMPORTANT; MOREOVER IT IS SIGNIFICANT IN TERMS OF FOLLOW-UP TO PRESIDENT PEREZ' VISIT TO WASHINGTON. TO CANCEL IT NOW WOULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD. AUGU 15-17 WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO GOV IN SENSE THAT  
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PRESIDENT WOULD BE HERE AND WE COULD WORK OUT SCHEDULE, HENCE THIS CHANGE WOULD WORK HERE PROVIDED WE DID NOT HAVE CODEL VISIT AT SAME TIME. THEREFORE ONLY THING WE CAN SUGGEST IS THAT DEPARTMENT PERSUADE CODEL HOLLINGS TO CANCEL CARACAS OR SHIFT ITS TIMING WHICH SHOULD BE FEASIBLE (CARACAS WAS CODEL'S FIRST STOP AND COULD PERHAPS BE REINSERTED NEAR END). PLEASE ADVISE. VAKY

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